

## Adult or juvenile charges?

Murder trial deemed "gossip fest" by RCPD

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Cole Drake, the 14-year-old Manhattan High student charged with first-degree murder and aggravated robbery in the death of fellow student Tyler Dowling, will now wait until the end of September to learn if he will be tried as an adult in the case.

In the first of what is expected to be a number of court hearings to come, Riley County attorney Barry Wilkerson made a motion to have Drake tried as an adult. Judge David Stutzman scheduled a two-day certification hearing for Sept. 22 and 23. Evidence from both the prosecution and defense is expected to be presented.

Dowling's body was found in a field behind Eisenhower Middle School on April 13. A family member and some news reports allege Dowling was shot, but police will not confirm any details about the death.

The case has captivated the town which caused what Riley County Police Department director Brad Schoen called a "gossip fest." At a recent Riley County Commission meeting he urged residents to assist the investigation and stop talking about the case or spreading information through social media sites.

Drake's next hearing date to address other motions made is Aug. 8. He is being held in the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in Geary County.

## Seussical musical opens tonight

Manhattan Arts Center presents Seussical the Musical

Sam Diederich  
news editor

"Seussical the Musical" is a unique theatre experience. It cannot be found in a box; it cannot be stopped by doors or locks. It has tons of fun with rhythm and rhyme, and actors and directors entering their prime.

"You find yourself speaking in Seussical tones and rhymes as you work on the show over eight weeks," said T-Shane Roberts, director of the musical, which opens tonight at the Manhattan Arts Center.

"The show is a collection of Dr. Seuss characters who all come together on a rare occasion to help out a universe full of people in trouble," Roberts said.

The play features a cast of Dr. Seuss's most famous characters, including the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Yertle the Turtle and all the little Whos down in Whoville. Set to music, the show has a Seuss-like flow that Roberts thinks audiences will really enjoy.

"It's a great crowd pleaser," Roberts said. "It's a family fun show. You want to bring your kids, but you also want to know that there is a bunch of stuff in

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## Steel bridge team competes in Ahearn this week



Shelby Danielsen | Collegian

Civil engineering gradute student Steven Hammerschmidt, senior in civil engineering Nathan Whitcomb and senior in civil engineering Xuchu Pang help set up for the steel bridge competition Wednesday night. The Mid-Continent Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe Regional is being hosted at K-State April 28-30. Steel bridge will be competing in Ahearn from 9am until 5pm Thursday. For a full list of events go to [http://www.engg.ksu.edu/asce/index\\_files/Page988.htm](http://www.engg.ksu.edu/asce/index_files/Page988.htm).

# IDENTITY

## Art instructor finds pride in Powercat, teaching

The Powercat encapsulates K-State, but it does not encapsulate professor and creator Thomas Bookwalter

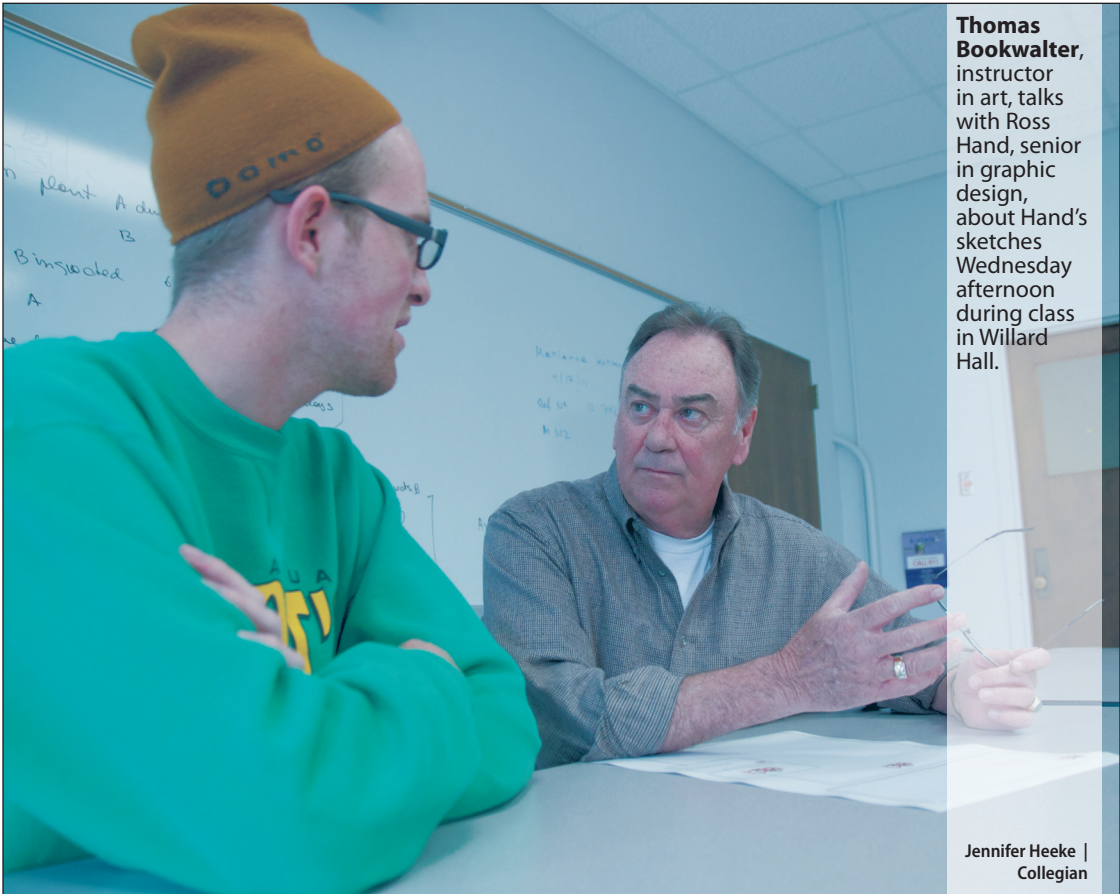
Heidi Proehl  
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Art supplies, illustrations, drawings, blank sheets of paper, canvases and art books fill Thomas Bookwalter's office in Willard Hall. A radio plays in the background, and a small laptop sits on an old-fashioned metal desk. Bookwalter grew up in Kansas, later moving to Waterloo, Iowa for 13 years and graduating from art school in Hollywood, Calif. To get away from the hectic Hollywood lifestyle, he returned to Manhattan to be the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' graphic designer and to fulfill his own desire of teaching.

In 1988, K-State was searching for a new identity for its athletics department. A new logo was requested that would signify harmony and the emerging capabilities of athletes. Bookwalter designed the purple Powercat, a dominant feature of K-State.

"Coach Snyder asked me to create a new logo for the football team, one that was contemporary and aggressive," Bookwalter said in an email interview. "I had done a considerable amount of illustration for other sports teams, i.e., San Diego Chargers, Denver Broncos, Washington Redskins and a number of other teams. So, working with professional and college athletic teams is something I enjoyed. When Coach asked me to create a new mark for his team, I was happy to do so."

Thus, the purple Powercat was designed.



Thomas Bookwalter, instructor in art, talks with Ross Hand, senior in graphic design, about Hand's sketches Wednesday afternoon during class in Willard Hall.

Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Bookwalter still takes pride and satisfaction in his work from nearly 25 years ago. The Powercat is so much more than just a purple logo. It is the identity of K-State, instantly recognized around the Midwest, but Bookwalter is much more than just the graphic designer who created the logo pasted on football helmets and basketball jerseys. He is more than just the "Powercat guy."

Bookwalter has unintentionally been defined and labeled by the K-State Powercat. Articles have been published making him known as the "Powercat guy." This is a label Bookwalter has come to accept. As an intense football fan, Bookwalter gains personal satisfaction from seeing the Powercat on every K-State helmet. It is a high accomplishment for Bookwalter because he admires college

football and K-State. However, he said he believes helping art students gain knowledge and apply the techniques in acquiring a career is an even higher accomplishment. For Bookwalter, being a K-State art instructor is much more gratifying than being the designer of the K-State Powercat.

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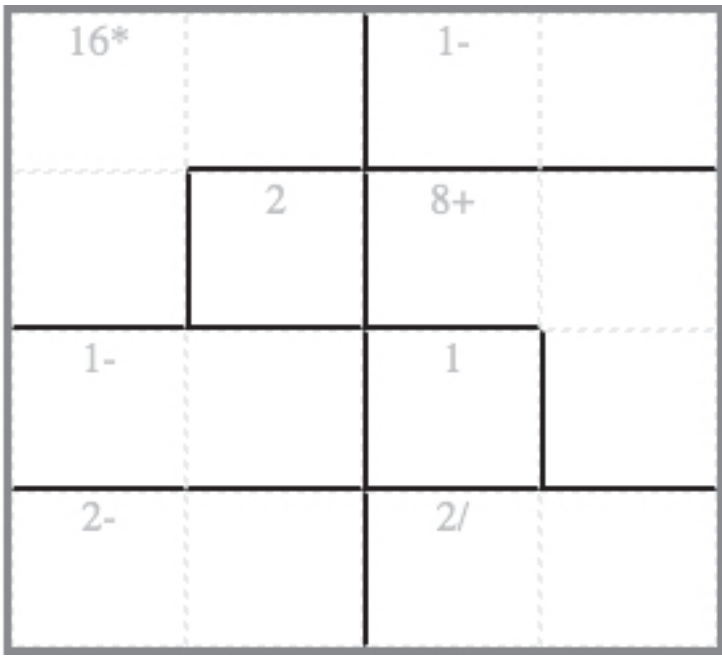
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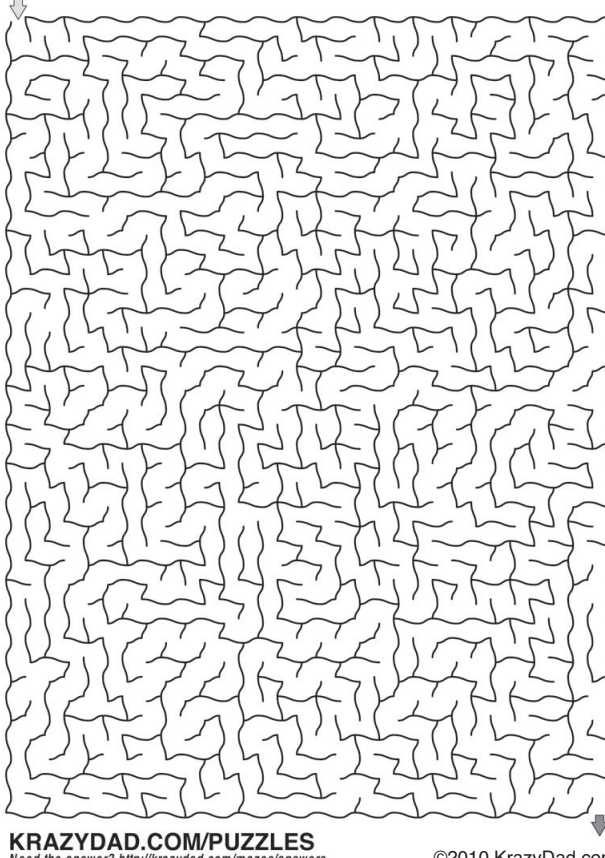
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# WINNING

## Tennis to face Jayhawks in Big 12 Tournament

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The No. 44 Wildcat tennis team handed the Kansas Jayhawks their eighth Big 12 Conference loss in Lawrence last weekend to close out the regular season. The in-state rivals will get a rematch today on the neutral ground of the Baylor Tennis Center in Waco, Texas, for the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

In the April 23 competition, the Wildcats started strong and swept the doubles competition to secure the point, improving their record to 12-0 when they earned first blood on the board.

Freshman Petra Niedermayerova continued her hot streak at the number one singles position with her sixth straight win. This cemented the regular season conference title for Niedermayerova with a 9-2 record over Big 12 opponents in the top singles competition.

Sophomore Carmen Borau Ramos got her first back-to-back singles win of the spring against the Jayhawks' Dylan Windom. Sophomore Ana Gomez Aleman also improved her spring win streak to eight in a row against KU.

The 5-2 victory helped K-State to tie the school record for wins in a season with 15 and marked the most road wins since 2003 with six.

This is only the second time the Wildcats and Jayhawks have faced off in the first round of the tournament. With their 6-5 record in league play, K-State earned the seventh seed in the tournament, which is their highest rank since 2006. The Jayhawks are seeded tenth.

According to kuathletics.com, the Jayhawks want to use the recent loss to their advantage.

"We were so close this weekend with a couple of three-setters and the doubles matches that were tied," said KU's head coach, Amy Hall-Holt. "Knowing who we're playing against and having just seen them play, I think it could be to our advantage."

The first round of competition will begin at 10 a.m. today, with live results on [baylorbears.com](http://baylorbears.com) under women's tennis. If the Wildcats advance, they will take on second seeded Texas on Friday.



Freshman **Petra Niedermayerova** returns the tennis ball to the KU doubles team Saturday at the Jayhawk Tennis Center in Lawrence, Kan. She and her doubles partner, junior Nina Sertic, defeated KU's doubles team 8-5.

## Benefits of club sports



Many high school student athletes are faced with the decision to come to college and become a member of a varsity sport, or to retire as an athlete and focus on academics. What some don't realize, however, are the opportunities they are given to partake in a club sport.

I played soccer all my life but was never the most athletic person. My decision to come to K-State was an easy one but I knew I would still want soccer to be a part of my life. After I found out about the women's club soccer team, I could not have been more excited and decided to try out within the first few weeks of the fall semester. I immediately formed a bond with almost every girl on the team and quickly realized this was just what I needed to begin my college career.

The competitive nature of the club gave me the perfect balance of striving to do better and being able to laugh at myself when I messed up (which was on a regular basis). Even though I knew I was in no way an amazing Division I athlete, I knew that Monday through Wednesday night I could go to practice and still feel connected to the one sport I was convinced I could never quit. The women on the team are incredible athletes, some of which had the opportunity to play at the collegiate level but decided it wasn't for them.

Whether it be rugby, rowing or soccer each has its own benefit depending on the interest of each individual. It taught me early on how to schedule my life around school, work, practice and games. I could no longer rely on my mom as my walking planner and realized it was time to be a big girl. If I had a test to study for, the president of the team always understood if I had to miss a practice.

Once you have had enough experience a leadership role is almost always available. The structure and dedication of the club sports on campus vary, so I can't speak for the entire campus. Whether it be the team captain or president, each role is responsible for assuring they do his or her best to keep the desire for competing and winning a necessity. The competitiveness is slightly more than the intramural sports, so each player has to be willing to travel to difference cities such as Lawrence or Boulder, Colo., to compete against other club teams that are driven to win.

There is no fame or recognition when it comes to club sports, but if I had to choose between telling friends and family I gave up on sports or that I still kick a soccer ball around every now and then, I choose the latter.

**Colleen Quinn is a junior in psychology. Please send comments to [sports@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:sports@spub.ksu.edu).**

## Men's golf team finishes out tied for 11th

Tyler Scott  
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The men's golf team sat in a tie for 11th place with Iowa State at the end of the third round of competition in the Big 12 Championship at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan. K-State shot a 40-over-par 320 in the fourth round,

bringing their overall score to 100-over-par 1220 and keeping the Wildcats tied at the bottom of the pack.

Oklahoma State, who is ranked No. 1 in the Big 12 and the country, took home its eighth conference championship with a score of 19-over-par 1139. Texas A&M and Texas rounded out the top three, with

the Aggies carding a 32-over-par 1152 and the Longhorns hitting a 40-over-par 1160. In-state rival Kansas placed in ninth with a score of 76-over-par 1196.

Sophomore Curtis Yonke and freshman Thomas Birdsey were the top two individuals for the Wildcat team. Yonke carded a 22-over-par 302 and placed in a tie for 36th. Birdsey placed in a

tie for 39th and fired a 23-over-par 303 for the tournament. In the final round Birdsey also carded five bogeys and three double bogeys.

Sophomore Ben Juffer carded a 28-over-par 308 placing in a tie for 48th, while freshman Jack Watson had eight bogeys on his way to a 31-over-par 311 for 53rd place. Redshirt junior Kyle Smell also shot eight bogeys to round out the Wildcat lineup carding a 42-over-par 322 finishing in 59th place.

Oklahoma State's Morgan Hoffman and Kevin Tway were the top two individuals overall in the tournament. Hoffman beat out Tway by five strokes, scoring an even par 280 and firing a 3-over-par 73 in the final round. Texas A&M's Jordan Russell placed third firing a 6-over-par 286. Oklahoma State's Peter Uihlein, Texas Tech's Chandler Rusk and Missouri's Stuart Ballingall all tied for fourth place carding an 8-over-par 288.

The Wildcats will lose two members of the team next season as seniors Jason Schulte and Ross Geubelle will graduate.



Jonathan Knight | Collegian  
Two K-State golf team members practice at Colbert Hills on Apr. 8.

## K-State boat earns conference honors, "boat of the week"

Stephanie Carr  
sports and multimedia editor

Conference USA honored K-State's 1st Varsity 8 for their work on the water as the league's boat of the week on Wednesday.

The crew earned the honors based on their efforts against the Jayhawks in the Kansas Cup at Wyandotte County Lake on April 28th. Going into the 1st Varsity 8 race, the final race of the event, KU led K-State 6-5. The Wildcat's top boat started off behind the Jayhawks, but came back to win by 11 seconds. The victory added eight points to K-State's column, allowing them to defeat the Jay-

hawks 13-6 and take the cup back to Manhattan.

The Wildcat line up of red shirt senior Christa Bowman, redshirts juniors Hanna Wiltfong, Amanda Weishaar, Anna Young, Traci Smiley and Ali Peters, redshirt sophomore Adria Ley and redshirt freshman Allison Dorau is coxed by redshirt junior Weatherly Butler.

K-State will head back to Wyandotte County Lake on Saturday to take on the Jayhawks again. This time, the lake will have twice as many teams, as Texas and Oklahoma will be competing against the two Kansas teams for the Big 12 Championship trophy.

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## Kynard, Kraiss expected to compete at weekend's Drake Relays

Paul Harris  
senior staff writer

K-State will participate in one of the oldest track and field meets this upcoming weekend. According to [godrakebulldogs.com](http://godrakebulldogs.com), the official athletic website of Drake University, around 7000 athletes are expected to compete this year in Des Moines, Iowa. The Drake Relays will start today and run through Saturday. However, only a handful of those 7000 competing will be donned in royal purple.

"Typically, at the college university level, hundreds of schools are represented," said K-State

head coach Cliff Rovelto. "It's a huge meet. It's a highly competitive meet. We go to outside of the conference meet."

Rovelto said a majority of teams will be split since only a few athletes from each school qualify for the competition.

Sophomore Erik Kynard will be jumping for the first time in two weeks. The last time he competed, Kynard won the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. According to Rovelto, Kynard has high standards for himself.

"His expectation is to win," Rovelto said. "He steps on the apron regardless of who is there

and who he is jumping against.

Kynard may compete in the collegiate high jump, or organizers may ask for him to jump in the invitational, which will feature post-collegiate athletes.

"Either competition he is in, he is going to face really good competition," Rovelto said. "Regardless, his intention is to win the competition. Other good guys have the same intent. He is good as anyone in either of those competitions."

Rovelto said if the weather does not cooperate, Kynard will be held out of the event.

Junior Ryann Kraiss was spectacular in last weekend's

Kansas Relays. The UCLA transfer broke a 22-year-old school record during her 400-meter race and claimed the top spot in the 100-meter hurdles. The competition that Kraiss will face at the Drake Relays will be a step up from last weekend.

"She could run identical times [in the 100-meter hurdles] and I could almost guarantee you her winning time at Kansas will not be the winning time at Drake," Rovelto said.

He said Kraiss' times are ahead of where the coaching staff thought she would be.

"We knew she was really good," Rovelto said. "Typically

it takes athletes a year or so to adjust to a new environment. She has not only gotten back to her previous best levels; she is now surpassing those."

Kraiss will compete in a plethora of events at the Drake Relays, including the 100 and 400-meter hurdles. She will also run a leg on the 4x800 meter relay.

Senior TiAra Walpool will participate in the women's triple jump, while junior Nina Kokot will jump in the long jump.

Also on the women's side, K-State will compete in the distance medley relay, the shuttle hurdle relay, the 4x800 meter relay and the sprint medley relay.

The men will run in the 4x400 meter relay, sprint medley and the distance medley.

Another group of Wildcat track and field athletes will make their way to Lincoln, Neb., including a few of those athletes competing at Drake. Rovelto said he expects 12 Wildcats to make their way to Lincoln this weekend, which will focus mainly on the field events.

While Rovelto said he expects his team to compete well at Drake and Lincoln, he said he just wants his athletes to be healthy for the upcoming Big 12 Conference Outdoor Championships.



# Cargill spokesman speaks on business

Keep employees happy, help feed the world

Andy Rao  
staff writer

Students and professionals filed into the Town Hall Room at the Leadership Studies Building on Wednesday afternoon, as Cargill Vice President Chuck Warta presented a seminar entitled "Building Leadership and Company Culture in a Global Organization." The seminar was a part of the K-State College of Business Administration Business Ethics Lecture Series, an effort to inform students about various topics in ethical business leadership.

Cargill is a major global producer and marketer of food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services. Warta, who has a wide range of experiences in international management and marketing, has served as the vice president of Cargill Animal Nutrition since 2006, running operations in the United States, China, Malaysia and Thailand.

Warta spoke of three specific challenges that Cargill faced: managing the world food supply, managing change within a global corporation and building a successful corporate culture. These components, though separate, are interconnected and according to Warta are the main issues that Cargill regularly addresses.

As one of the global leaders in agribusiness and food production, Cargill affects many every day commodities such as grains, meats, sugars and even manufactured items such as infant formulas, cake icing, coffee sweeteners and eco-friendly bed foam.

With the world population increasing at an exponential rate, global companies such as Cargill sometimes struggle to meet the world's consumer demands.

What's more is that by 2050, the world population is predicted to reach 9 billion people, compared to the current population of 6.2 billion.

While the numbers may paint

a bleak picture, Warta says that companies must be ready to adjust to increasing demand.

"Although it seems like a gargantuan task to try and feed the world, it really is a lot simpler than most people think," said Warta. According to Warta, a major factor of success is the ability to adapt to change.

Because Cargill is located in 66 different countries and employs a little over 131,000 people in several continents, it remains one of the top 25 Fortune 500 companies and has experienced steady growth. The autonomy that employees are given to address change allows them the freedom to provide customized service to their respective communities, providing employees with consistent leadership opportunities.

"Your organization should be focused on not just having leaders at the top, but also having leaders within all ranks of the corporate structure," said Warta. "This is the best way to ensure that everyone is held accountable and is capable of tackling change in the rapidly transforming global markets."

Warta also spoke at length about the importance of building a company culture that allowed all employees to be actively engaged.

"At Cargill, we measure our success using four different parameters in this order: engaged employees, satisfied customers, enriched communities, profitable growth," said Warta. The focus, he said, should be on enabling employees to become passionate about their work, and giving them resources and guidance to affect change.

As Warta wrapped up his presentation, he parted with words of advice for future entrepreneurs and current business professionals.

"Your company culture is the set of values and beliefs that are practiced within your company," he said. "The culture you build is ultimately your license to grow. Focus on what's important, and make your culture your competitive advantage."

# Students march to protect and support

Event rallies against domestic violence and human trafficking

Andy Rao  
staff writer

"Break the silence, stop the violence."

These were the words that were defiantly chanted on campus Wednesday evening as students banded together and marched against human trafficking and domestic violence.

The march, which was organized by the Kappa Pi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a non-traditional sorority, began near the Derby Complex and concluded at the K-State Student Union.

Signs in hand, members of the sorority as well as friends and supporters of the cause, shouted their support to the victims of domestic abuse, and were escorted to the Union by two campus police squad cars to ensure walker safety.

The conclusion of the walk was followed by a short program, in which students were able to listen to stories, poems and statistics about domestic violence from keynote

speaker, Mary Todd, director of the Kansas State University Women's Center.

Todd started the program by telling the story of one young K-Stater who had suffered through the atrocities of domestic violence. After enduring over three months of physical, emotional and verbal abuse, this young woman was rescued and her abuser was expelled and jailed.

According to Todd, there are many causes to one of the most violent issues that the world faces today.

"Domestic violence is a way for perpetrators to take the edge off of a deep inferiority," said Todd. "The violence is an epidemic."

Studies and research conducted by the United States Surgeon General's office have determined that domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44, more common than automobile accidents, muggings and cancer deaths combined.

Todd went on to explain that not only does domestic violence affect the women who are being physically and emotionally abused, but also affects the young children who are exposed to a violent environment at a young age. One-third of young children who grow up around domestic violence will have problems with depression, and an additional one-third will continue the cycle of abuse themselves.

As Todd talked about solutions to violence, she explained that the attitude of the general public needs to undergo an evolution.

"There are so many times that I have worked with people and they ask 'Why didn't she just leave?'" said Todd. In many domestic violence environments, explained Todd, the abuse is so horrific that the victims are intimidated into staying. Leaving often prompts more violence, not only against the women, but sometimes against their

children as well.

"Instead of blaming the victims, focus on the abuser," Todd said. "Ask 'Why does he do it? And how can we stop it?'"

After Todd concluded her presentation, additional poems and quotes were read, including a poem entitled "Domestic Violence" by Irish poet Eavan Boland.

As the program wrapped up, participants were given the chance to write an inspirational message to victims on balloons that were released as a symbol of support.

The program ended on an optimistic note, as Ashley Cavazos, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said it is a step in the right direction.

"I know I can't do it alone," said Cavazos, sophomore in agricultural communications. "But I know that the more that we try the more support that we will get, and we will make a positive impact on the world."

As participants watched their balloon messages sail across the sky, speaker Mary Todd shared some concluding words of wisdom.

"Everything will be all right in the end," she said. "If it isn't all right, it's not the end."

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Mary Todd  
Director of KSU's Women's Center

# International Buddy Program holds picnic

Lower turnout due to weather

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Flying frisbees, flavorful food, and friendly conversations greeted one to the 2nd Annual International Buddies Picnic/Potluck at the city park on Wednesday evening. This event happens once every year during the spring semester and was started last year.

"This is the first time the leadership is being given to students" said Tanmay Varma sophomore in Computer Science and the President of International Buddies.

"We will have foods and outdoor games for people that

stick around" said Kelley.

The idea of the potluck is to give the students a taste of the different cuisines both literally and figuratively according to Caitlyn Kelley, International Program Coordinator.

"This is a good time to experience food prepared by different people from other countries" Kelley said.

Most of the buddy pairs came to the potluck with a food item from their native culture. Hence there was food from different parts of the world. The countries represented mostly were India, China and USA.

The students got a taste of a variety of food items from different countries.

"I liked the jell-o because my girlfriend made it" said Clinton David Beasterfeld in

Civil Engineering.

The different foods were a hit with all the students.

"I liked the Biryani and brownies," said Maryam Alhendi freshman in architectural Engineering.

Some students made their own food, but others brought stuff from home.

"I asked my dad to make something" said Anjana Paul a resident of Manhattan who was there with her International Buddy Shu Dar, sophomore in Chemistry. Paul had brought with her an Indian entrée made from chickpeas and potatoes.

The crowd was upbeat although the weather could have been a lot better.

"It is so cold but it is good" said Sarah Alkharji Sophomore in Architectural Engi-

neering.

Alhendi the city park was a good location for the potluck.

"I was excited to see the people show up with their buddy pairs" said Kelley noting that this was a first. Kelley agreed that better weather would have drawn a bigger crowd. "We can always have more people" Kelley said.

The events like the International buddies picnic foster healthy friendships among the students.

"It is an event open to all and you can always bring friends" said Varma who brought four students who were not yet part of the buddy program to the potluck. Most students hung back after the food to play some Frisbee or soccer despite the chilly weather.

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## Ten very common pet peeves



Everybody puts up with certain things in life on a daily basis. There are the little things that are not usually a big deal, but then there are the other things that end up putting one's nerves on edge more often. Here are 10 infamous pet peeves I see on a daily basis that make my blood boil.

1. Loud chewers  
It might sound silly, but I just cannot stand the sound of food being masticated in anybody's mouth. Learning to chew silently and with your mouth closed is taught in kindergarten.

2. Parking spot thieves  
Have you ever had someone swiftly steal your parking spot? When you patiently wait in your car for a car to pull out of a parking spot so you can take it and, just as the car backs out, someone steals the spot from you? The word is "courtesy," and it is a very good virtue to have.

3. Loud people  
It is one thing to be eloquent and assertive, but being obnoxious and loud is completely different. These people are loud for no apparent reason and at too many decibels. By the time you manage to meander your way out of the situation, all you are left with is a headache.

4. Bad oral hygiene  
I cannot stand people with bad breath. I'm not being a hypocrite; I make sure my breath doesn't smell. It's even worse when the person doesn't realize his or her breath smells and stands close to you while in a conversation. A person cannot hold their breath for very long.

5. Spitting  
Spitting on the streets or sidewalks is just plain disgusting, not to mention unhygienic.

6. Bad coffee  
I don't experiment when it comes to coffee. I love it, so I stick to the basics. This is why it gets to me when people don't make it right. What is the point in having a caramel macchiato from Starbucks if it is going to be served to you cold and chunky? What is the point in having a white chocolate mocha when it is more bitter than it is sweet?

7. Condescending people  
I hate when people act like I am dumb. Have you ever been in a situation where you couldn't understand the person talking to you because either they spoke too fast, or you got distracted for a second? And then when you ask the person to repeat the statement, they speak in slow motion or sign language, like you don't under-

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# BLOGSCHOOL

## Blogging becomes educational tool

Sandi Lam  
staff writer

Remember when Xanga was the go-to spot online? The website is an example of how blogging is not a new concept, but is one that has been around and is increasing in popularity. Nowadays, blogging is used for more than recreational purposes - it is being utilized for educational purposes in college classrooms.

Students studying journalism and mass communications may find themselves setting up an online blog for a class. Kime-tris Baltrip, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, said she requires it for her Mass Communications and Society course.

Baltrip said, "It is used as a way to get students exposed to what blogging is, what it feels like and generate a discipline for blogging."

She said the purpose of the blog is not to gain social status and attain a large following of readers but to become familiar with the journalistic aspects of

the process and maintenance of a blog.

The blog also allows the students to share ideas with one another.

"Blogging is a way for students to interact and discuss course topics," Baltrip said. "It is a way to build virtual classroom participation and feedback."

She said she plans to use blogging as a tool in the classroom as long as it is relevant.

"Things are changing and if blogs fade too quickly to the yesteryears, I will move on to the next thing," Baltrip said.

The relevance of blogging is apparent in Baltrip's class since it is becoming a major form of communication, but the practice's usefulness is not limited to journalism. Laurel Johnston, junior in architecture, shared her experience in blogging for her architectural studio class.

She said that last semester in studio class, the students had real clients for a project - a couple. To share their design ideas with the couple, who could not be around all the

time, the class managed a blog.

"We uploaded sketches, Google Sketchup models and CAD drawings to the blog," Johnston said.

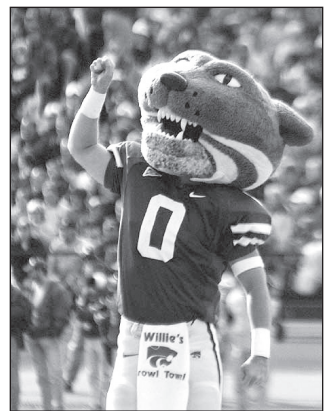
Not only was the blog a tool for communication between the studio and the clients, it was recommended to the class for professional reasons.

"The architect working on the project said that it is a good idea to keep a blog - information is easy to find and everything is organized," Johnston said.

She said the architect told the class he got his job as a result of keeping a blog with his design projects.

Blogging provides a way to express and receive ideas and opinions with the world. The practice is widening its potential by being recommended in the classrooms of higher education. The benefits of utilizing blogs as an educational tool are being recognized - as long as they are popular with the world, they will be popular within classrooms.

### ABOUT ME



My name is Willie the Wildcat. I love sporting events, cheering for K-State, crowdsurfing, doing push-ups, Jacob Pullen, beating little blue and red birds and fist pumps

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## Student pursues passion for music

Shelby Daniels  
staff writer

As busy college students, between balancing classes, group projects, working and studying, it is easy to forget the things that make us the happiest - the hobbies or activities. Jonathan Cole is one K-State student who is taking time to pursue his passion.

As a senior in marketing, an employee of Caribou Coffee at the K-State Student Union and guitar player and singer in the band Kiss and Tell, days are consistently busy for Cole. However, he said even if he doesn't have a lot of downtime, playing the guitar is such a joy of his that it serves as a release from any stress built up over a busy week.

Cole said it is important to follow your dreams, and even if he chose a different path with his education, marketing has actually come in handy when dealing with the business side of entertainment. With a marketing major, he is better equipped to handle promotion companies, help distribute their music nationally and handle various managers and venues. He said his

family is very supportive because they have experienced him being in a band since high school so they know the dedication it requires.

When the band is preparing for a weekend concert in another city, they will meet up two to three times a week for one to two hours of practice. If the show takes place on a Friday, they will leave Manhattan by 5 p.m., start loading in equipment behind the stage around 7 or 8 p.m., and play around 10 p.m. They will stay until the bar closes, load up their 15-passenger van, fully loaded with a TV and Xbox instead of middle seats, and leave around two or three in the morning. The band will drive straight back to Manhattan to avoid paying for a hotel, arriving around 5 a.m.

"It takes a lot out of you for the rest of the day," Cole said. "But it's what we love to do, and although we are putting more money into the band than we are making right now, that is not the point. It's worth the risk."

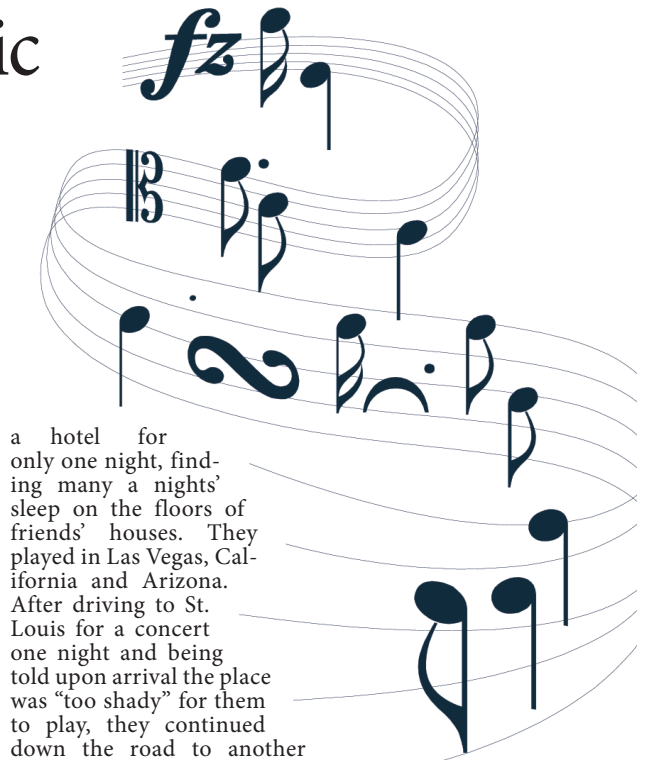
Cole said he has a great support system in addition to being surrounded by his best friends in the band.

"My dad always tells us to turn the drums down," Cole said. "But they could not be happier for us. Whether or not they like our genre of music, they come out to our shows every once in a while to support us. With all the progress we have recently had, soon having nearly 20 songs on iTunes, they are just as excited as we are."

"Relationship-wise, I am with someone who is very understanding about me being in a band and with everything I have to do for it," Cole said. "We have both learned to adapt to each other's busy schedules."

Lauren Perez, senior in theater and Cole's girlfriend, said, "We are both artists in our own way, so all of the long hours and hard work that result in us not seeing each other for extended periods of time is respected and understood."

Kiss and Tell's first tour was across the Midwest, with shows in cities throughout Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma. The next summer the band embarked on their second tour, which lasted one month. They stayed in



a hotel for only one night, finding many a nights' sleep on the floors of friends' houses. They played in Las Vegas, California and Arizona. After driving to St. Louis for a concert one night and being told upon arrival the place was "too shady" for them to play, they continued down the road to another show out west.

"We played at a punk bar in Colorado Springs where they did not like our style of music," Cole said. "So, the crowd kept yelling while we played, then they started throwing ice at us on stage. That was the worst thing we have had to deal with, with the exception of our amp frying in the middle of a

show." Cole said his inspiration for getting into music is his older brother, Frank. Two and a half years his senior, Frank was always introducing new music to the family. "Eventually I got into '80s music," Cole said. "Thanks to

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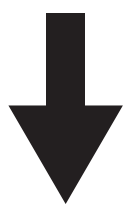
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# MUSIC | Student juggles school, band



(Left to Right) Jonathan Cole, Jonny Welch and Chase Petersen, three of the band members of Kiss and Tell, practiced in their basement Wednesday night.

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artists like Van Halen, Aerosmith, and Joe Perry, I got my motivation to learn how to play the guitar.”

With Chase Peterson as another guitar player and main singer for the band, Jason Adams on keyboard, and Jonny Welch as the drummer, Cole

said they are optimistic about their future. After playing together for three years, everyone in the band puts it as a top priority, which is the reason for their escalating success, he said. He also said most of their shows take place at the Kat-House Lounge in Aggieville.

Cole said his plans for the summer are to move wherever

the band can play the most, in addition to finding a full-time job. The band plans on going on another tour in June and has decided to stick together. When speaking of the future, Cole said he would work his marketing degree to his advantage by becoming more involved with the business side of music.

# WEEKLY 10 | All around irritating

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stand the English language? Children start going to school and learning English at three years old in India, folks.

8. False assumptions about a person's nationality

Is it not an insult for someone to assume any person is a native of some country other than his or her own? That's how it is for me. I am Indian, and I am proud. It is understandable that anyone can get their geography incorrect sometimes, and Indians may be a difficult group of

people to place on a map. In that case it's probably wiser to ask rather than make an assumption.

9. Smokers

No offense to any smokers who may be reading this - it is your right to fill your lungs with smoke if you choose to - but smoking is an instant turnoff for me. I am OK with the considerate smokers who choose not to smoke when others are around or who are at least courteous enough to blow the smoke away from the direction of other people. But those who blow the smoke right in my face are

the ones that instantly get on my nerves.

10. Narcissists

I can never have a conversation lasting more than a minute with people who speak about themselves and nothing else. I am a selfish man in a selfish world. I don't care for people that don't care for me back. So naturally, the self-obsessed individuals make my ignore list.

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# Reach for the sky, climb high

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